GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LEAKING OUT OF QUESTION PAPERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be tabled on the floor of the House?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (d): No centralised information is maintained by the Ministry regarding leakage of question papers in Technical Entrance Examination as they are conducted by various organizations across the country. However, information has been collected from various State Governments, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) of Indian Institutes of Technology, Common Admission Test (CAT) of Indian Institutes of Management, etc. Except CBSE and CAT Entrance Exams, various State Governments and other agencies have informed that there has been no leakage of question papers for the Technical Entrance Examinations conducted by them in the last two years. The CBSE has informed that: -

(i) question paper for All India pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance (Preliminary) Test, 2004 was leaked.

(ii) The Delhi Police has so far arrested 18 persons against whom a charge sheet has been filed in the court of Metropolitan Magistrate, Karkardooma Court, Delhi. Two persons are absconding and they have been declared proclaimed offender.

(iii) A high-level Committee was constituted to study the existing system of examination and suggest necessary measures for further strengthening the system.

(iv) On the recommendations of the Committee, further measures have already been taken to ensure the smooth conduct of successive professional entrance exams by the CBSE like All India pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Preliminary and Final Examination and also All India Engineering Entrance Examination.

Regarding Common Admission Test (CAT) for Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), the CAT 2003 test paper was allegedly leaked from the printing press. The test was cancelled and a re-test was conducted in February, 2004. IIMs reviewed the entire process of conducting test, so that secrecy and confidentiality is maintained. Several additional precautions, i.e. change of the printing press, additional seal for each question paper, additional security during test conduction, additional deployment of faculty and staff during conduction of the test, etc. were implemented in subsequent years and the IIMs have successfully conducted three tests (re-test for CAT, 2003, CAT- 2004 and CAT-2005) without any problem.